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# Years of Faith and Devotion

“**H**EARKEN ye people from afar, and ye that are upon the islands of the sea listen together.”

With these words the Lord foreshadowed the teaching of the Gospel in this dispensation to the British Isles and throughout the earth.

As we look back with pride on one hundred and twenty years of Mission History we can see that the islands of the sea have listened together and the harvest of souls has been abundant. However, any fair measurement of success in a given field must take into account the obstacles, and the available resources to do the job.

Viewed from this standpoint the building up of the Church in the British Mission has been a “marvellous work and a wonder”.

What were the apparent obstacles?

An untrained and unpaid ministry possessing little of this world’s goods.

A people to be taught who were steeped in false religious traditions. State supported churches that looked with suspicion on new religions.

Hostile opposition led by a professional clergy whose craft was endangered by the new faith.

Spiritual apathy.

What were the available resources of those who have toiled to expand the Kingdom in the latter days?

Faith that God will ask nothing at our hands except he provides a way for us to accomplish it.

Faith that the weak things of the earth would overcome the mighty.

Faith that God had revealed himself and His Son in this day of living prophets.

Faith that he spoke to the Nephites as well as to the Jews.

Faith that His Spirit would manifest the truth of all things to earnest seekers after it.

Willingness of men to sacrifice for divine truth.

True, the obstacles have been imposing, but with the strength of a dynamic faith and the spirit of willing sacrifice they have been successfully overcome.

**THE STORY THEN OF THE BRITISH MISSION IS ONE OF GREAT FAITH AND SACRIFICE BY TENS OF THOUSANDS OF WONDERFUL MEN AND WOMEN FROM 1837 UNTIL THE PRESENT DAY.**

We are proud to have our forebears numbered among those who were so valiant and full of faith and the spirit of sacrifice. Our small contribution in this day is but a token of appreciation for the heritage they have left us.

*(continued overleaf)*

# The GOSPEL MESSAGE in Great Britain

by ELDER ALMA SONNE

*Assistant to the Council of the Twelve  
Former European Mission President*

UPON my arrival in Great Britain in 1946 I was warned by a London journalist that the "Mormon" missionary drive for converts in the British Isles would fail. I reminded him that it had not failed in the past and the prospects for the future looked bright. He was surprised when I told him that upwards of 100,000 converts from Britain had emigrated to America since the beginning of the work in 1837. Many of these converts became leaders in the Church. Some of them returned to their native country as missionaries at their own expense to proselyte and to make other converts among their former neighbours and friends. They did not fail. They were often misunderstood and their message derided. They endured

opposition and persecution with fortitude and equanimity. If they were discouraged there was nothing on the surface to so indicate. They attracted men and women possessed with the pioneer qualities which defy opposition.

The missionary movement in Great Britain, as elsewhere, was sustained with the firm conviction that each one engaged in it was teaching a God-given truth, and that he or she was proceeding under the divine injunction to "go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15). The converts became zealous and fearless in presenting their beliefs and in accepting responsibilities connected with the enterprise. They grew and developed and finally became

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## Editorial (continued)

We are mindful, also, as we see before us on the bookshelf all the volumes of the *Millennial Star* from its beginning in 1840. No appraisal of British Mission history is complete that does not give credit to this oldest continuous church publication. It has had twelve uninterrupted decades of publication and distribution and contains many source materials of early teachings and history. Moreover, it has been a great unifying force among saints and missionaries down through the years.

God grant that it may continue to be so and that we of this generation may have the faith and courage to meet the problems of our day as successfully as those who have gone before us.

C.G.M.K.



GEORGE Q. CANNON

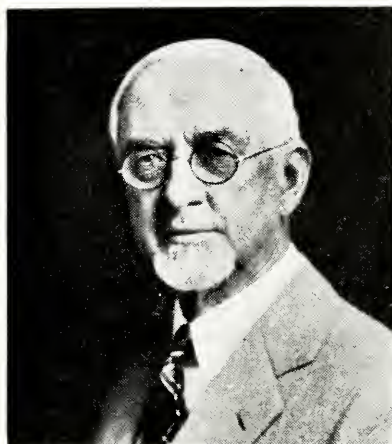
leaders in communities far removed from the cities, towns or villages where the gospel found them.

They were products of the British Mission. They came from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. The impact of the gospel message had been powerful. It had changed their habits of thinking and thereby transformed their daily lives. Of some it had made a complete conquest. Their conversion proved the power of the restored gospel to overcome the strongest prejudices and to inspire unselfish devotion to its requirements.

But they were also equipped with the natural endowments and the cultural background common among the British people. They had learned the lessons of thrift and industry. They were frugal in the management of their own affairs. They had neither the time nor the money to spend for indulgences or careless living. Thus fortified they became pillars of strength in the communities to which they had emigrated. Add to this the constructive spirit of their newly acquired

faith and it is not difficult to account for their success.

One by one from among their numbers appeared outstanding characters, men and women of quality, who soon fitted into the social, political, economic and religious life of the people. Such a convert was President George Q. Cannon, born in Liverpool on January 11, 1827 of parents who were natives of Peel on the Isle of Man. The Cannon family was converted by President John Taylor, also born in England, who had returned to Great Britain as a missionary in 1840. President Cannon's life was full of accomplishments. As a leader he was always in demand for position of responsibility. Space will not permit a review of his work as editor, author and publisher except to record that in 1867 he received an appointment from President Brigham Young to take charge of the *Deseret News*, a pioneer newspaper which is still serving its numerous subscribers throughout the inter-mountain region. He became connected with railways,

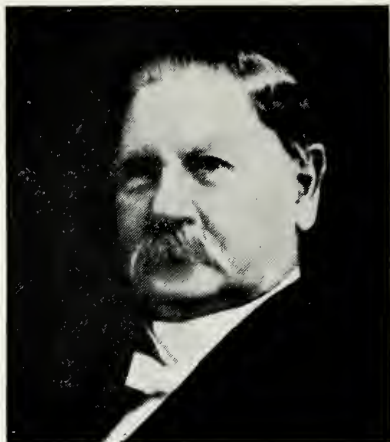


CHARLES W. NIBLEY



banks and other financial and industrial enterprises to promote business projects and the economical development of the western area where the Latter-day Saints had settled. In 1872 he was elected a delegate to congress from the Territory of Utah. In this position he was a friend maker and did much to remove the prejudice which then existed against the "Mormon" people. As a missionary, as President of the European Mission and editor of the *Millennial Star*, as an Apostle and Counsellor in the First Presidency of the Church he established himself as a great leader, orator and statesman. The extent of his contributions to the cause for which he stood so firmly and steadfastly can only be estimated, but we know he helped to lay deeply and securely the foundations upon which the truths of the gospel can go forward.

Out of the coal mines of Scotland came Charles W. Nibley, philanthropist, industrialist, missionary and high churchman. Born in Hunterfield, Scotland, on February 5, 1849, he and his parents emigrated to America in 1855, and arrived in Salt Lake City in 1860. Always alert and aggressive he was soon involved in business ventures which proved successful under his dynamic leadership. Before becoming the Presiding Bishop of the Church in 1907 he had established himself in the lumber business in Utah, Oregon and California. He became a dominant figure in commercial and business circles and assisted in pioneering many undertakings which have proved so successful and beneficial over the years. His lasting contributions, however, have grown out of his activity and performance in the



CHARLES W. PENROSE

Church. He travelled extensively in the United States and Europe, visiting stakes and missions, teaching gospel principles and strengthening the morale and faith of the members at home and abroad. On May 16, 1925 he was called to be the second counsellor to President Heber J. Grant, a position which he held until his death on December 11, 1931.

Another English convert whose name is safe and secure in Church History is Charles W. Penrose. Few men in the Church have touched the hearts of the Latter-day Saints more profoundly than has this convert who joined the Church in London on May 11, 1850. He was a man of deep spiritual inclinations and comprehensive scriptural attainments. He was well acquainted with the Bible and quoted its passages with remarkable accuracy. As a defender of the faith he probably had no equal in his day. His activities extended into the fields of journalism, statesmanship, merchandising, literature, missionary work and church

leadership. His hymns are still sung with feeling and gusto in the gatherings of the Saints.

After ten years of missionary service in his native country he crossed the ocean with 620 emigrants, living with them in the steerage quarters of a sailing vessel. Upon his arrival in America he drove his own ox team across the plains and pioneered his way from a humble beginning to a place of prominence among the people to whom he was so devoted.

In 1904 he was chosen an Apostle. Soon after he was sent to Liverpool to preside over the European Mission and to edit and manage the *Millennial Star*. His writings on gospel doctrines and all matters pertaining to the gospel message would fill volumes. The distorters of truth found in him a worthy and telling opponent. His influence as a writer has been felt throughout the branches, wards, stakes and missions of the Church.

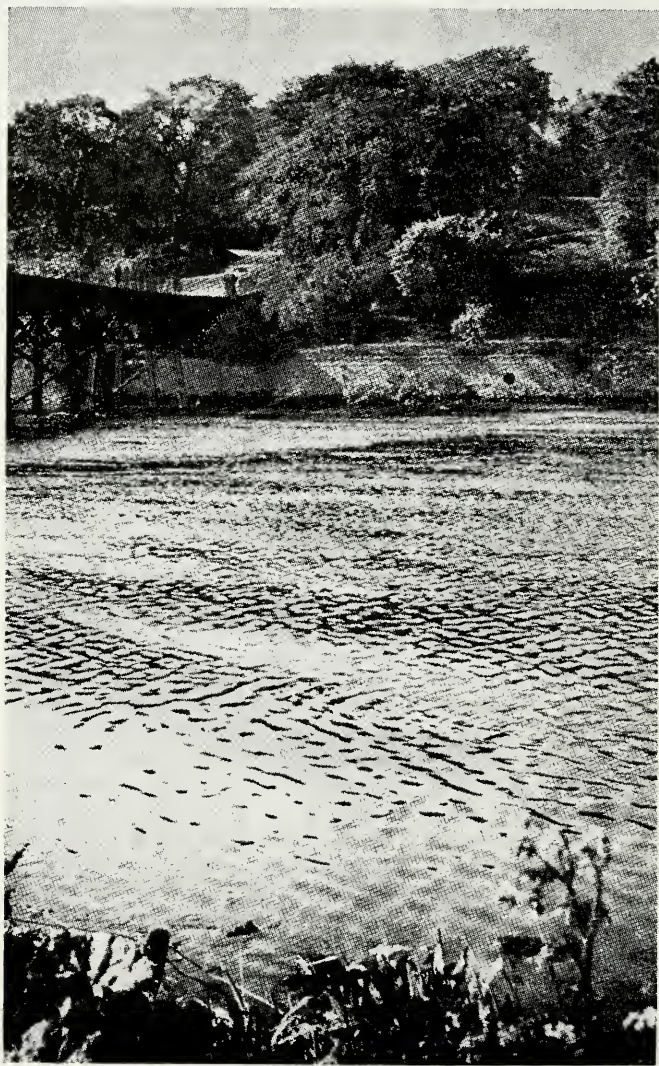
Upon his return from Europe in 1910 he was chosen as the Second Counsellor to President Joseph F. Smith. Upon the death of President Smith he continued to serve as the Second Counsellor to President Heber J. Grant. Once again the British Mission provided a personality qualified to do a prodigious work towards the establishment of God's Kingdom upon the earth.

The list of notable Britishers who laid aside their worldly ambitions to serve the Church could be extended indefinitely. They were men of deep religious instincts, austere virtues and eminent abilities. Among them was Richard Ballantyne who founded the first Sunday School in the Rocky Mountains. It has been said that his "two burning passions were

love of God and love of children". A trip around the world as a missionary without a purse and scrip, a mission to India, a resident of Nauvoo at the time of the exodus, a pioneer in the Rocky Mountains, a builder of a log cabin to house the first Sunday School on the western frontier; furnish an index to a full life of noble and praiseworthy achievement. Born in Whitridgebog, Scotland, on August 26, 1817, and baptized in December 1842, he and his family emigrated to America the following year. His highest ambition was to teach the gospel to the young and rising generation through the Sunday Schools which he helped to organize and set on foot. His dreams have come true and his work will go on for ever.

The first missionary effort in Great Britain was very successful. The details of the sublime work carried forward with unparalleled vigour has been carefully preserved on many pages of Church history. The results are well known. On the 6th day of June 1840, the first company of English converts left their native country for Nauvoo. Other companies followed in rapid succession and thus strength and stability were added to the membership of the Church at a time when the forces of evil were asserting themselves with persistent and relentless fury. The missionary movement in the Old World inaugurated under the wise and capable leadership of Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball brought into the Church thousands of heroic and self-sacrificing souls. The contributions of the British Mission to the work of the Lord have been vast, glorious and wonderful.

# BRITISH



*THE  
RIVER RIBBLE,  
Preston,  
Lancashire,  
England,  
near where the  
first baptisms of  
this dispensation  
were performed in  
Europe by Heber  
C. Kimball on  
July 30, 1837.  
The event was  
watched by 7,000  
to 9,000 interested  
spectators who  
lined the banks  
of the river*



# MISSION



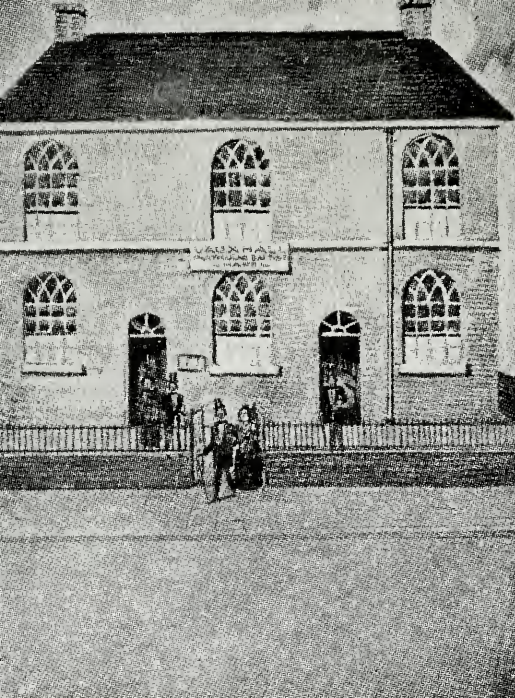
FROM the first year of the reign of Queen Victoria to the fifth year of Queen Elizabeth II is the notable era covered by British Mission history, since Heber C. Kimball and his six associates first proclaimed the restored Gospel in Preston, Lancashire in July 1837.

And in that span of a century and a score of years there are tens of thousands of untold stories of the labours of more than 7,000 "Mormon" missionaries, of the lives of scores of thousands of British people who have been baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, many of whom have remained in their native land, and many of whom have emigrated. It is a story of incalculable contributions and consequences and blessings, the full measure of which cannot be measured by man.

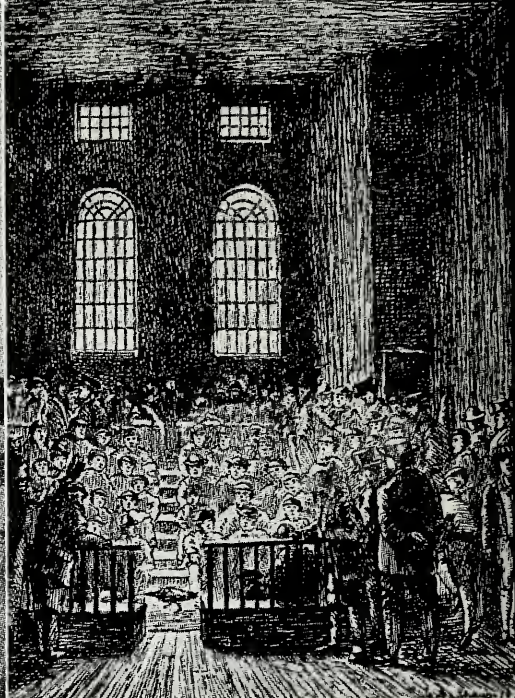
As President Heber J. Grant was

preparing to leave for the British Mission Centennial celebrations in 1937 there was published under appointment, the book *A Century of Mormonism in Great Britain* which was started in 1928 under the encouragement of Dr. John A. Widtsoe, with whom the author then was privileged to serve as associate editor of the *Millennial Star*. In the closing paragraph of that book published twenty years ago, the following sentences appeared:

"Whether the travelling 'Mormon' missionaries from America are called out of Great Britain tomorrow, or whether they remain there for the next hundred years, changes the fundamental situation not the least. The fact remains that unsettled world conditions and immigration restrictions mean that the Church must be built to flourish as a permanent institution in Great Britain. And every Latter-day Saint in the British Isles must strive



*VAUXHALL CHAPEL, Preston, in which the first public discourse was preached by the first "Mormon" missionaries in Great Britain.*



*THE "COCKPIT," Preston, where the first British Mission Conference was held, Christmas Day, 1837.*

toward that day when the Church of God shall be mighty in Britain, and when the spires of a Temple of the Lord shall pierce British skies . . ."

The event then foreshadowed—the rising tower of the temple—was brought one long step nearer when President David O. McKay authorised President A. Hamer Reiser of the British Mission to purchase the Temple site near Lingfield, Surrey, and when President McKay himself dedicated the ground for its present purpose nearly four years ago on August 29, 1953.

Another nearer step was taken with the shaping up of plans by the Church Temple architect, Brother Edward O. Anderson, and the awarding of the construction contract to Kirk and Kirk, with

Sir Thomas P. Bennett and Sons serving as supervising architects.

And yet another nearer step was taken when on August 27, 1955 President McKay broke ground where the walls are now rising, with the Salt Lake Mormon Tabernacle Choir present and participating.

Still another step came on May 11, 1957 with some 1,500 members and friends and invited guests present, to witness the laying of the cornerstone of the fourteenth Temple to be built by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Dispensation of the fullness of times.

As to the beginnings of these events, we must go back to the year 1837 in Kirtland, Ohio. It was a troublous time for the Church,



“ And on or about the 1st of June, 1837, Heber C. Kimball, one of the Twelve, was set apart by the spirit of prophecy and revelation, prayer and laying on of hands, of the First Presidency to preside over a mission to England ”<sup>1</sup>

Soon a company of seven missionaries found themselves *en route* to England aboard the sailing ship *Garrick*, July 1, 1837, out of the port of New York—Heber C. Kimball, Orson Hyde, Willard Richards, Joseph Fielding, Isaac Russell, John Goodson and John Snyder—some New England born, some British born, and some had sojourned in Canada.

The impoverishment of these men, and the hazardous and uncertain circumstances in which they left well-beloved families, is eloquent evidence of their firm-rooted faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To quote Heber C. Kimball:

“ . . . The idea of such a mission was almost more than I could bear up under. I was almost ready to sink under the burden which was placed upon me.

“ However, all these considerations did not deter me from the path of duty; the moment I understood the will of my Heavenly Father, I felt a



HEBER C. KIMBALL

determination to go at all hazards, believing that He would support me by His almighty power, and endow me with every Qualification that I needed; and although my family was dear to me, and I should have to leave them almost destitute, I felt that the cause of truth, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, outweighed every other consideration.”<sup>2</sup>

After a favourable voyage of twenty days, during which they preached to their fellow-passengers, this first British missionary party entered the River Mersey and the port of Liverpool, from which place they were prompted to go to Preston, Lancashire, where they

MANCHESTER  
shortly before  
the first issue  
of the  
Millennial Star  
was published  
there in 1840





*Where Wilford Woodruff stayed  
as a missionary in Herefordshire*

arrived by coach, Saturday, July 22, 1837. It was election day, Queen Victoria having ascended the throne on June 20, 1837. And as their coach arrived in Preston an election banner was unfurled which read, "Truth Will Prevail"—from which they took added courage and conviction.

The next morning, the Sabbath, July 23, 1837, they all attended the

Reverend James Fielding's service in Vauxhall Chapel, he being the brother of Joseph Fielding. The Reverend James Fielding announced that some missionaries from America would be heard at the afternoon session, at which time Heber C. Kimball delivered the first public Gospel discourse of the Church of Jesus Christ in Great Britain, in this Dispensation, and bore witness of the restoration. This was followed by other meetings in the Vauxhall Chapel, one on that same Sunday evening and one on the following Wednesday, after which Vauxhall Chapel was closed to the missionaries when some members of Mr. Fielding's flock applied for baptism into the newly restored Church of Jesus Christ.

The Reverend James Fielding's brother, Joseph, and his sisters, Mary and Mercy, had joined the Church in Canada and had written him of their joy and conviction in this new-found truth,

*"THAT POOL OF WATER" on the Benbow Farm in Herefordshire, where  
Wilford Woodruff baptized hundreds of the United Brethren*





*PRESTON  
MARKET PLACE  
AND OBELISK,  
where the first  
"Mormon"  
missionaries to  
Great Britain held  
their outdoor  
meetings*



which information the Reverend Mr. Fielding had conveyed to his congregation, some of whom were already prepared for the Gospel and were praying for the coming of its messengers, and so the events which followed should have been no surprise to him.

The first baptisms of this dispensation in Europe occurred on Sunday, July 30, one week after the missionaries arrived in Preston. Nine people were baptized in the River Ribble, which flows through Preston, George D. Watt having run to the river to be the first. This event, it is recorded, was witnessed by a curious crowd of "between seven and nine thousand persons." and was preceded by many manifestations. Thus a beginning was made in the United Kingdom.

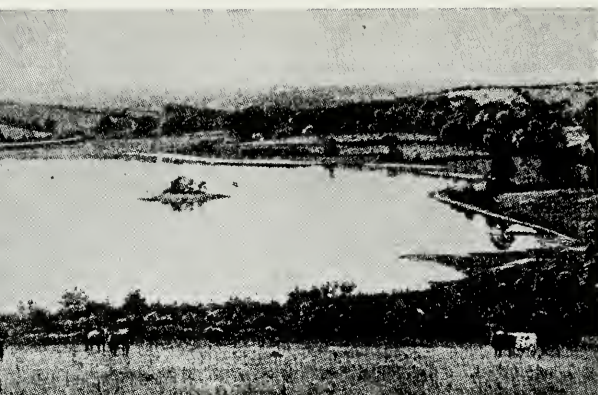
At the first British Mission Conference, in the "Cockpit" (by leave of the Preston Temperance Society), on Christmas Day, 1837, five months after the beginning of the work, more than 20 branches were reported, with some six hundred baptisms.

When Heber C. Kimball left England on April 20, 1838, he

made Joseph Fielding president of the mission, with Willard Richards and William Clayton as counselors. The first two were of the original missionary party, and William Clayton (who later gave us the great and stirring pioneer hymn, "Come, Come, Ye Saints") had joined the Church in England.

The labours of these three, with missionaries and members, continued successfully until the following year, when, in obedience to the word of the Lord, Brigham Young and a majority of the Council of the Twelve Apostles undertook a mission overseas.

John Taylor and Wilford Woodruff arrived in Britain, January 11, 1840. Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Parley P. Pratt, Orson Pratt, and George A. Smith arrived in early April. Willard Richards was ordained an Apostle in accordance with a previous revelation to the Prophet Joseph Smith, and Orson Hyde arrived later. Four conferences were held while these eight members of the Council of the Twelve were in Great Britain, and from their action and authorization came the *Millennial Star*, the



*LOCH BRICKLAND,  
Ireland, where the  
first baptism of the  
Restoration was  
performed in the  
Emerald Isle*

oldest periodical of the Church that is still being published, and which first appeared in May, 1840, with Parley P. Pratt as editor. During this period emigration was organized; the first British edition of the *Book of Mormon* was published; and the Gospel was introduced into London, Liverpool, Herefordshire, Ireland, the Potteries of Staffordshire, and the Isle of Man, and, by their appointed messengers, into Scotland and Wales and into numerous towns and cities.

A year of such successful labour saw the work in Britain so solidly established as to permit the Apostles, as a Quorum, to depart, which they did on April 20, 1841, leaving Parley P. Pratt to conduct the affairs of the Mission. Elder Pratt remained another year and a half, until October 20, 1842, at which time he left Elder Thomas Ward, a British convert, in charge of the Mission, with Elders Lorenzo Snow and Hiram Clark as counsellors.

Brigham Young's summary of the activities of the Council of the

Twelve and the accomplishments of their eventful year in Great Britain, follows:

"It was with a heart full of thanksgiving and gratitude to God, my Heavenly Father, that I reflected upon His dealings with me and my brethren of the Twelve during the past year of my life, which was spent in England. It truly seemed a miracle to look upon the contrast between our landing and departing from Liverpool. We landed in the spring of 1840, as strangers in a strange land and penniless, but through the mercy of God we have gained many friends, established Churches in almost every noted town and city in the Kingdom of Great Britain, baptized between seven and eight thousand, printed five thousand *Books of Mormon*, three thousand Hymn Books, two thousand five hundred volumes of the *Millennial Star*, and fifty thousand tracts, and emigrated to Zion one thousand souls, established a permanent shipping agency which will be a great blessing to the Saints, and have left sown in the hearts of many thousands the seeds of eternal truth, which will bring forth fruit to the honour and glory of God, and yet we have lacked nothing to eat, drink or wear: in all these things I acknowledge the hand of God."<sup>3</sup>

Thus ended the eventful introductory period of the Gospel in Great Britain. Six-score of years have come and gone since then, and in many ways the influence of the restored Gospel has been felt in every corner of the United Kingdom.

The contributions of the Church and the blessings of God to the British members and their descendants cannot be calculated. And only a very few of the contributions of the British-born members to the Church can be catalogued. Some of the more conspicuous are these:

Great Britain has directly contributed twelve men to the General Authorities of the Church, among them some of the most able and devoted champions and defenders of the faith.

Uncounted hundreds of eminently useful and faithful members of the Church have been British born, including the first designer and builder of the Tabernacle Organ, one Tabernacle organist and five Tabernacle choir conductors.

"A brief check-up on one edition of the Latter-day Saint Hymn Book reveals that the words of more than half of the 421 hymns it contains

were written by British-born members of the Church, and for more than three-fourths of these hymns, the music was written by British-born members of the Church.

"And so the account of British contributions could be extended. But these tangible and material contributions are not the real reason for the existence of the British or any other mission of the Church. The only justifiable reason is the salvation of human souls—the bringing of a conviction of truth to the hearts of men, and to their lives, a transforming knowledge of the divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ and His plan for the joy and exaltation of man. And for this cause they have come — from the coal mines of Wales, from the heather-covered hills of Scotland, from the midland mill towns, from the shamrock countryside of Ireland, from the labyrinths of London town, and from the sea-swept shores of all the Island Empire.

"As to those who left their native land, some were tossed on the seas; some walked the plains; some died before the journey was through — but scores of thousands of British saints have faithfully cherished the Gospel of Jesus Christ and with a conviction that its value was beyond price, in time and eternity.

*THE  
PIERHEAD,  
River Mersey,  
Liverpool,  
where  
generations  
of "Mormon"  
missionaries  
and converts  
have come  
and gone*





“And those same traditional British qualities of character, that have meant so much to the Church of Jesus Christ elsewhere in the world, will go far toward building a strong and permanent Church organisation in the British Isles . . .”

As to Mormon missionaries in Great Britain – “Two by two, down cobbled city streets and over turfed country lanes, through poverty row and to the mansions of the great, in the market place, and at the family fire-side, in season and out, they have passed their tracts, preached their sermons and voiced their testimonies, calling out the seekers after life eternal, tens of thousands of whom have responded.

“Tolerant and respectful of the good works and sacred beliefs of all men and all religious organisations, these ‘Mormon’ missionaries have nevertheless been solemnly obligated to proclaim that the Lord has established one divinely appointed

way whereby men may attain salvation, and one lineage of Priesthood whereby men may perform the essential rites and ordinances of the Church of Jesus Christ. And if there has been opposition to their message, it has been opposition born of refusal or unwillingness to believe that the Lord has spoken! That He has restored to earth His Church and Holy Priesthood; that He has reaffirmed the first principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as they were given in other dispensations; that He has sent out divinely-commissioned servants to proclaim these principles. Such has been the message of the ‘Mormon’ missionaries who have gone to Great Britain during the past century and such must ever be the message of every Latter-day Saint.”

Written by **Richard L. Evans**, and revised in part from historical materials in the *Improvement Era* and *A Century of Mormonism in Great Britain*.

<sup>1</sup> *History of the Church*, Vol. II, pp. 487-8.

<sup>2</sup> Orson F. Whitney, *Life of Heber C. Kimball*.

<sup>3</sup> *Millennial Star*, Vol. 26, p. 7.



*ARTHUR'S SEAT ("Pratt's Hill"), Edinburgh. The prominence faintly seen in the background was ascended by Orson Pratt when he petitioned the Lord for 200 converts from Scotland.*



# BRITISH AND EUROPEAN MISSION PRESIDENTS

- Heber C. Kimball—July 20, 1837 to April 20, 1838.  
Joseph Fielding—April 20, 1838 to July 6, 1840.  
Brigham Young—July 6, 1840 to April 20, 1841.  
Parley P. Pratt—April 20, 1841 to October 20, 1842.  
Thomas Ward—October 20, 1842 to November 1, 1843.  
Reuben Hedlock—November 1, 1843 to February 4, 1845.  
Wilford Woodruff—February 4, 1845 to October 3, 1846.  
Orson Hyde—October 3, 1846 to January 15, 1847.  
Franklin D. Richards—January 15, 1847 to February 1, 1847.  
Orson Spencer—February 1, 1847 to August 15, 1848.  
Orson Pratt—August 15, 1848 to January 1, 1851.  
Franklin D. Richards—(second term) January 1, 1851 to May 8, 1852.  
Samuel W. Richards—May 8, 1852 to June 8, 1854.  
Franklin D. Richards—(third term) June 8, 1854 to July 13, 1856.  
Orson Pratt—(second term) July 13, 1856 to October 4, 1857.  
Samuel W. Richards—(second term) October 4, 1857 to March 6, 1858.  
Asa Calkin—March 6, 1858 to May 19, 1860.  
Nathaniel V. Jones; Jacob Gates—(*pro tem*) May 19, 1860 to August 11, 1860.  
Amasa M. Lyman, Charles C. Rich—August 11, 1860 to May 14, 1862.  
George Q. Cannon—May 14, 1862 to July 25, 1864.  
Jacob G. Bigler—(*pro tem*) May 17, 1862 to August 10, 1862.  
Daniel H. Wells, Brigham Young Jr.—July 25, 1864 to August 30, 1865.  
Brigham Young, Jr., August 30, 1865 to June 30, 1867.  
Franklin D. Richards—(fourth term) June 30, 1867 to September 9, 1868.  
Albert Carrington—September 9, 1868 to June 15, 1870.  
Horace S. Eldredge—June 15, 1870 to June 6, 1871.  
Albert Carrington—(second term) June 6, 1871 to October 21, 1873.  
Lester J. Herick—(*pro tem*) October 21, 1873 to March 21, 1874.  
Joseph F. Smith—March 21, 1874 to September 13, 1875.  
Albert Carrington—(third term) September 13, 1875 to May 27, 1877.  
Joseph F. Smith (second term) May 27, 1877 to July 6, 1878.  
Henry W. Naisbitt—(*pro tem*) September 10, 1877 to July 6, 1878.  
William Budge—July 6, 1878 to November 1, 1880.  
Albert Carrington—(fourth term) November 1, 1880 to November 19, 1882.  
John Henry Smith—November 19, 1882 to January 1, 1885.  
Daniel H. Wells—(second term) January 1, 1885 to February 21, 1887.  
George Teasdale—February 21, 1887 to October 6, 1890.  
Brigham Young, Jr.—(second term) October 6, 1890 to May 4, 1893.  
Alfred Solomon—(*pro tem*).  
Anthon H. Lund—May 4, 1893 to July 16, 1896.  
Rulon S. Wells—July 16, 1896 to December 8, 1898.  
Platte D. Lyman—December 8, 1898 to May 17, 1901.  
Francis M. Lyman—May 17, 1901 to January 1, 1904.  
Heber J. Grant—January 1, 1904 to December 1, 1906.  
Charles W. Penrose—December 1, 1906 to June 9, 1910.  
Rudger Clawson—June 9, 1910 to April 11, 1913.  
E. Taft Benson—(*pro tem*) April 11, 1913 to September 30, 1913.  
Hyrum M. Smith—September 30, 1913 to September 7, 1916.  
George F. Richards—September 7, 1916 to July 1, 1919.  
George Albert Smith—July 1, 1919 to July 14, 1921.  
Orson F. Whitney—July 14, 1921 to November 9, 1922.  
David O. McKay—November 9, 1922 to November 1, 1924.  
James E. Talmage—November 1, 1924 to January 1, 1928.  
John A. Widtsoe—January 1, 1928 to October 1, 1933.  
A. William Lund—(British Mission only) December 11, 1928 to January 15, 1932.  
James H. Douglas—(British Mission only) January 15, 1932 to December 10, 1934.  
Joseph F. Merrill—(European Mission) October 1, 1933 to September 24, 1936.  
Joseph J. Cannon—(British Mission only) December 18, 1934 to July, 1937.  
Richard R. Lyman—(European Mission) September 24, 1936 to August 29, 1938.  
Hugh B. Brown—(British Mission only) June 12, 1937 to January, 1940.  
Andre K. Anastasiou—(Acting President, British Mission only) January 1940 to May 1, 1944.  
Hugh B. Brown—(British Mission only) March 4, 1944 to May 7, 1946.  
Selvjo J. Boyer—(British Mission only) May 7, 1946 to January 11, 1950.  
Alma Sonne—(European Mission) October 11, 1946 to 1950.  
Stayner Richards—(British Mission only) January 11, 1950 to June 13, 1952.  
A. Hamer Reiser—(British Mission only) June 13, 1952 to November 16, 1955.  
Cifton G. M. Kerr—(British Mission only) November 16, 1955, still presiding.

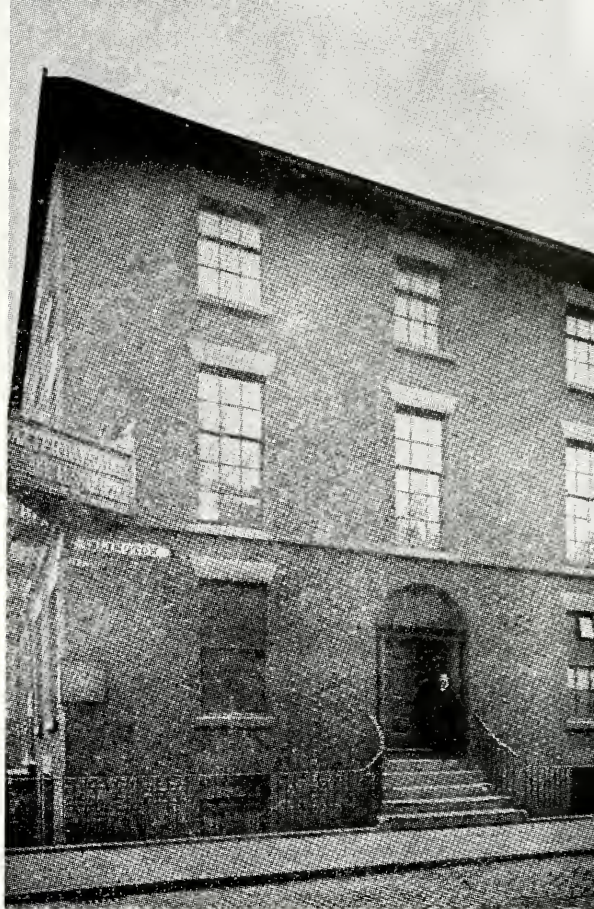


*DURHAM HOUSE, 295 Edge Lane, Liverpool. Headquarters of the European Mission from 1906 to 1933.*

# BRITISH AND EUROPEAN MISSION HEADQUARTERS

*—of the past 120 years*

*42 Islington,  
Liverpool,  
Headquarters of the  
British and European  
Missions for over  
threescore years  
(formerly 36  
Chapel Street)*



*No. 10 Holly Road, Liverpool, Head-  
quarters of the British and European  
Missions during the administration of  
President Heber J. Grant, 1904-1906.  
Headquarters moved here from 42  
Islington.*



*No. 5 Gordon Square, London, Head-  
quarters of the European Mission  
moved here in February, 1933; the  
British Mission Headquarters and the  
Millennial Star, in 1934. This structure  
rises four storeys from the street.*



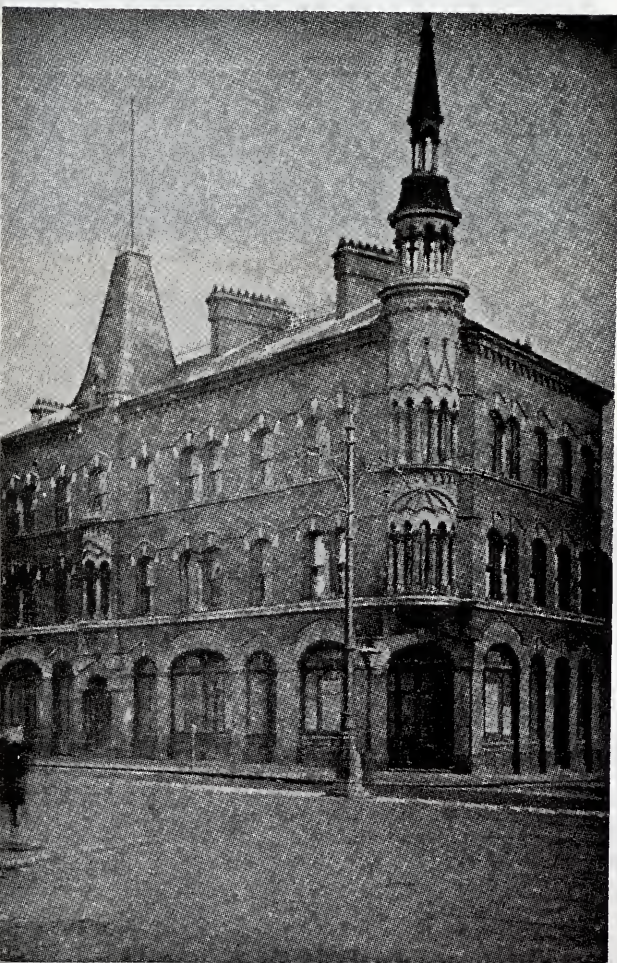




*No. 23 Booth Street,  
Handsworth, Birmingham  
British Mission Headquarters  
from 1929 to 1932*



*43 Tavistock Square,  
London,  
British Mission Headquarters  
from 1932 to 1934*



*"DESERET,"  
152 High Road,  
South Tottenham,  
London,  
British Mission  
Headquarters from  
1908 to 1927.  
Generations of  
missionaries both lived  
and preached here.*





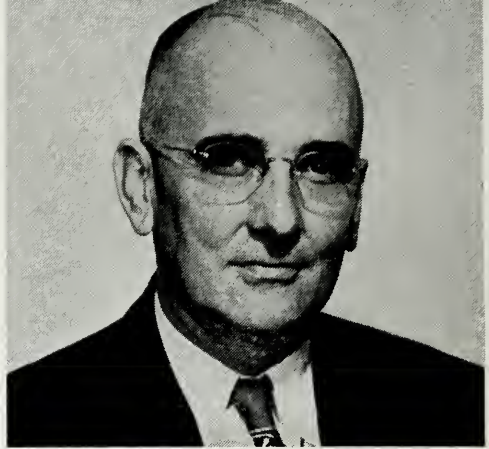
*"RAVENSLEA," 149 Nightingale Lane, Balham, London, the current Headquarters of the British Mission. The Church moved here from Gordon Square in 1939 because of war damage.*



*50 Prince's Gate, Exhibition Road, South Kensington, London (with scaffolding) was recently purchased by the Church. It is now undergoing extensive repairs and remodelling and will be ready for occupancy on September 1, at which time it will become the new Headquarters of the British Mission*

by A. HAMER REISER

*Former British Mission  
President*



## *An Appreciation*

### ... OF A PEOPLE

THE Lord must love the British people! He has blessed them with a lovely land. No one can know the beauty of land and sea and sky in Britain and not feel a glow of gratitude for the bit of Eden that is Britain.

He has blessed the British people with talents which are the delight of the world. Men of letters using "our sweet English tongue" have charmed the world with literature. British musicians and composers have sung their way into the hearts of the people of the world. British-born composers have had a major influence upon the hymnology of the Latter-day Saints. British genius for law and government has blessed mankind with exemplary order and control. British craftsmen have won world-wide praise and imitation.

The sterling qualities of British character deserve everyone's respect. The strong sense of fair play, the steadfastness of purpose and the genuine respect for others find

ready and abundant confirmation in the way the British treat strangers who live among them. Their courtesy is prompt, their politeness spontaneous. Far and wide among all classes these unflinching charms of the British are found in every corner of the country. In the more than three years of my being in Great Britain, I travelled more than 70,000 miles and met thousands of British people from Caithness to Cornwall and Canterbury. Only thrice did I meet rude people. The other thousands were friendly, helpful, gracious, accommodating, and warm with goodwill.

The Lord must love the British people! Within seven years of the organisation of the Restored Church, He sent knowledge of the Restoration of the Gospel to His children in Great Britain. Immediately they responded by the thousands. The harvest was truly abundant and the flow of the "honest in heart" into the Church has con-

tinued unabated for 120 years. British converts came by the hundreds into the American west with the Mormon pioneers of 1847 and throughout the pioneering years. The handcart companies were British. Present-day Latter-day Saints by the tens of thousands thank their British ancestors with all their hearts for accepting the Gospel when it came to them during the twelve decades of proselyting in the Mother country.

Before, during and since the World Wars, typically British, the faithful grow more faithful and hold the Church together. Since the Wars the spread of the Gospel has flourished as proselyting has been accelerated and more thousands have accepted the Gospel. Today the faithful are building the Church in Great Britain as for a hundred years the British have given their fortitude and faith to building up Zion in the tops of the mountains. If for the same one hundred years converts to the Church had remained in Great Britain, the story of the growth of the Church would have been different both in America and in Great Britain. If British Latter-day Saints since 1837 had invested their faith and fervour in Great Britain as they have invested them in America, the Church today in Great Britain would be a powerful source of blessing as it is proving to be in America.

If, in the next century British Latter-day Saints will continue to give their fortitude and faith to building the Church in Great Britain, the Latter-day Saints will prove to be among Britain's noblest and most exemplary citizens, and the country will be richly blessed by them, as every country is blessed

where the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints flourishes.

The coming of the Tabernacle Choir to Great Britain gave the singers and the Saints a warm glow of brotherhood and a strong spirit of unity, while the Choir's four performances won new respect from the British public.

The organising of Melchizedek priesthood quorums evidences the laying of permanent foundations for the Church in Great Britain.

The Temple in Great Britain is a further permanent investment of spiritual blessings of the Restored Gospel and Church, of which the British Latter-day Saints are the beneficiaries. The Temple will bring the Latter-day Saints into a new and closer unity with the Lord and His purposes and His family. For there "He shall plant in the hearts of the children, the promises made to the fathers, and the hearts of the children shall turn to their fathers."

The many recent visits of the General Authorities of the Church to Great Britain demonstrate the world-wide scope of the Church and of the administration of the leaders. The British Latter-day Saints are enfolded in the arms of the Church. There is no need to feel lonely. We are one.

In 120 years missionaries from America and Canada, who have served in the British Mission, have left a generous part of their youthful hearts and affections among the British people. Their memories remain vivid and their appreciation deep and heart-felt. Everyone who invests time and treasure and talent in Great Britain and her people is amply compensated with enrichment of life that pays perpetual dividends.



# “ HEIRS OF GOD AND JOINT HEIRS WITH CHRIST ”

by Paul Banham

## CONCLUSION:

**P**AUL spoke pertinently to the Church:

... unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Eph. 4:7, 8).

In another place he enumerates those gifts at length—primarily gifts of the Holy Ghost. But in both instances he continues with a new reference among God’s gifts:

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; . . . till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man . . . (Eph. 4:11-13).

Such powers can be shared

. . . to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. (Eph. 4:29).

Perhaps nowhere in our experience do we so tangibly witness the following promise of grace as in the Priesthood:

For if you keep my commandments, you shall receive of his (the Father’s) fullness, and be glorified in me (Jesus) as I am in the Father; therefore, I say unto you, you shall receive grace for grace.

(D. & C. 93:20).

In such a way, said John, Jesus Himself grew:

And I, John, saw that he received not of the fullness at first, but received grace for grace; and he received not of the fullness at first, but continued from grace to grace, until he received a fullness, and thus he was called the Son of God, because he received not of the fullness at the first.

(D. & C. 93:12-14).

There is something relentless and significant about the repetition here of not receiving the “fullness at first.” Jesus became perfect by learning obedience through the things which he suffered and growing from grace to grace. To us he says,

Behold ye are little children and ye cannot bear all things now; ye must grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth. (D. & C. 50:40).

So with the gift of Priesthood, He prepares us step by step for augmented powers until one day we have received all the authority it is our Heavenly Father’s to give. This is not to say that at once we are granted all the keys which would enable us to act as He does, but we can, after having sealed upon us the sacred Priesthood ordinances of the Holy Temple, receive no more authority, for all is contained in the Melchizedek Priesthood, which administers the gospel in all ages, without beginning of days or end of years. We wonder why God has dispensed such grace to men, such power as they may never here be able to use, such complete dominion in the earth according to the Adamic promise, and such sobriety



that their every official word, carefully weighed, is accounted as binding in the heavens. We shall never understand why, perhaps, until, according to the apostle's mandate, we make our "calling and election sure." Even then it is at God's bidding and pleasure and not our own.

Priesthood is many things. It is a vehicle in the world for some spiritual gifts, e.g., healing, discerning of spirits, working of miracles etc. The brethren, of course, do not obtain a monopoly on such gifts merely because they are the "voice" of Priesthood, but whoever shares and completes their Priesthood, i.e., they to whom they are eternally conjoined, may, when the brethren are not accessible, call upon the Holy Spirit for ratification of these gifts in their behalf. So we call for the elders of the Church to bless the sick, but the Prophet permits the sisters in their absence to anoint and pray, declaring that God will attend their desires when asked with singleness of heart, "for the prayer of faith shall save the sick." The Priesthood, however, is God's voice and signature in the earth. Whatever gifts rebound to the general edification of His Church come first under its direction and authority. All spiritual gifts (faith, the "word of wisdom," "the word of knowledge," tongues, interpretations etc.) are the province of any person duly set apart to receive them, if in God's wisdom they are requisite. But it is consistent with the order of heaven that they be conveyed through the agency of Priesthood whenever possible.

Priesthood is a repository for the highest and most far-reaching covenants God has prepared for men. These are not obtainable by mere ordination to an office therein, but can be found only in the House of the Lord. One cannot be said to have been set apart to enjoy the fullness of the Priesthood until he has received these blessings and crowned them with the ordinance of eternal marriage. Priesthood is God's gift to prepare men to receive His honours and Dignity. Properly speaking, it is the fulfilment of man's highest functions. Exaltation means the inheritance of

... thrones, kingdoms, principalities and powers, dominions, all heights and depths ... a fullness and a continuation of the seeds for ever and ever.  
(D. & C. 132:19).

This is a joint function of men and women. There are certain creative and spiritual powers inherent in women which men can never enjoy.

God has equalised this disparity to some extent by permitting the brethren to be the active voice of His Priesthood—a Priesthood ideally shared by both men and women, but for which only one can be the voice, in order to minimise confusion. The apostle's dictum,

... neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man in the Lord, (1 Cor. 11:11).

is a significant clue to the nature of Godhood.

We do not in ourselves merit the gospel of exaltation with its special graces of the Holy Ghost and Priesthood.

God himself, finding he was in the midst of spirits and glory, because he was more intelligent, saw proper to institute laws whereby the rest could have a privilege to advance like himself... He has power to institute laws to instruct the weaker intelligences, that they may be exalted with Himself, so that they might have one glory upon another,

and all that knowledge, power, glory, and intelligence, which is requisite in order to save them . . . (D.H.C. VI:312).

Goodness and grace are inextricable. God recognised the principle measure of His glory to be the “immortality and eternal life” of others, for whom His superior intelligence made Him responsible. So he became, for us, *God*, by freely devising a plan of exaltation. There is no question of merit here. The Prophet reminds us

that if ye should serve him who has created you from the beginning . . . with all your whole souls yet ye would be unprofitable servants.

(Mosiah 2:21).

We despise the man or woman who perverts his or her sexual nature, misapplying to the discredit of God and man the normal functions assigned him by Providence. Any such malappropriation of a divine function is necessarily bad; hence we are repeatedly warned to fear him who is able to “destroy the soul.” It is the worst kind of murder, because it involves the tenet that “every spirit of man was innocent in the beginning” and continues so to be evaluated upon his entrance into the world. Here at least is a unique aspect of man’s “equality” about which considerably more could be said. We read much about unforgiveable sins and tend to isolate them as sins of a different order. They would not seem so to be. A man violates the oath and covenant of his Priesthood, received under the administration of God’s Holy House, and by wilfully so doing, negates the seal of the Holy Spirit of Promise which is the Holy Ghost, refuses the companionship and gift of the Holy Ghost by reason of his persistence in error, and knowingly assents, according to Paul, to the death of the Lord Jesus Christ, crucifying Him afresh as it were and putting Him to an open shame. He is responsible for the death (not the annihilation) of his own soul, which is murder, and becomes an accessory after the fact to the murder of Jesus Christ—despoiling his Priesthood and denying the Holy Ghost *en route*. He is a son of perdition, whose situation said Joseph Smith is that of “many of the apostates from this Church.” The shedding of innocent blood, murder of another sort, is also viewed by the Lord as unforgiveable.

The gospel of exaltation is God’s grace to man, freely devised, freely administered without the infringement of anyone’s agency, and freely wrought by the gifts of one great Man who was God. It extends to men other gracious gifts beyond their power to contain, the most striking and responsible of which are the gifts of the Holy Ghost and their supervisory agent, the Priesthood. Whoever lives to magnify them, though he were once sinful, may yet sit down in the presence of the Majesty on high and become, as did Jesus, an heir of all things in heaven and earth. We cannot often ponder this promise, for it transcends the limits of our perception and leaves us almost as weakened and faint as the boy prophet after his first glimpse of God. But it is wedged in our hearts, and we live for it or make God’s grace of none effect,

For what doth it profit a man if a gift is bestowed upon him, and he receive not the gift? Behold, he rejoices not in that which is given unto him, neither rejoices in him who is the giver of the gift . . . pray always, that ye may not faint, until I come. Behold and lo, I will come quickly . . .

(D. & C. 88:33, 126).

# BRITISH MISSION BAPTISMS

A record of the number who have been received into membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints through the waters of baptism during the past 120 years in Great Britain.

1837 - 1839		1877	534	1918	248
1837	600	1878	718	1919	166
1838	727	1879	888		
1839	190	Total for the decade	6295	Total for the decade	3911
Total for three years	1517				
1840 - 1849		1880 - 1889		1920 - 1929	
1840	2326	1880	843	1920	204
1841	2883	1881	980	1921	243
1842	3216	1882	848	1922	288
1843	1195	1883	778	1923	333
1844	1762	1884	537	1924	282
1845	2505	1885	474	1925	168
1846	2354	1886	374	1926	246
1847	2918	1887	562	1927	171
1848	6520	1888	344	1928	232
1849	8620	1889	321	1929	182
Total for the decade	34299	Total for the decade	6061	Total for the decade	2349
1850 - 1859		1890 - 1899		1930 - 1939	
1850	8017	1890	239	1930	246
1851	8064	1891	267	1931	245
1852	6665	1892	336	1932	267
1853	4603	1893	353	1933	153
1854	4530	1894	364	1934	152
1855	3711	1895	378	1935	147
1856	2947	1896	347	1936	206
1857	2405	1897	503	1937	219
1858	1298	1898	539	1938	167
1859	1064	1899	416	1939	83
Total for the decade	13304	Total for the decade	3742	Total for the decade	1885
1860 - 1869		1900 - 1909		1940 - 1949	
1860	1928	1900	488	1940	47
1861	2067	1901	986	1941	83
1862	1517	1902	581	1942	58
1863	2231	1903	472	1943	42
1864	1910	1904	602	1944	59
1865	1246	1905	624	1945	74
1866	856	1906	676	1946	66
1867	1096	1907	986	1947	181
1868	2091	1908	1234	1948	315
1869	1170	1909	938	1949	366
Total for the decade	16112	Total for the decade	7587	Total for the decade	1291
1870 - 1879		1910 - 1919		1950 - 1959	
1870	793	1910	963	1950	593
1871	654	1911	482	1951	1043
1872	466	1912	363	1952	809
1873	461	1913	376	1953	345
1874	530	1914	399	1954	405
1875	560	1915	298	1955	606
1876	691	1916	297	1956	698
		1917	319	Total for seven years to 1957	4499
Grand Total up to 1957		132,852			





SISTER AMY GENT

## MANY HAPPY RETURNS

ON July 8th, Sister Amy Gent of the Nottingham Branch, celebrates her 94th birthday, and her many friends join in sending their sincere congratulations and best wishes.

On being asked to recall some of the highlights of her life, Sister Gent told first of her conversion forty-five years ago. Attendance at another church had not brought her the peace of mind she desired, and she sought the Lord in earnest prayer to guide her to those who were truly God's people if such existed. Shortly afterwards, two missionaries, Elder Naylor and Elder Richardson, called and after talking with her a while, one was heard to remark "Here's a Mormon all right!" He spoke the truth for after attending several meetings, Sister Gent was baptized on July 17th, 1912, and ever since has felt abundantly blessed through her membership in the Lord's Church.

It was not long before this good sister was helping others to gain the same happiness, for during the

first world war, she would take several neighbours with her to Sacrament Meeting although the round trip involved an eight mile walk! In more recent years, as President of the Nottingham Relief Society, Sister Gent served the Lord gladly, and was greatly loved and respected by the sisters. Again, when almost ninety years of age, this faithful daughter of the Church, gave words of encouragement and exhortation to the Nottingham saints on the principle of tithing, in a full Sacrament Meeting.

These and many other wonderful experiences have built up a strong testimony which shines in the face of this rosy-cheeked, good-natured sister who still loves to read and re-read her Bible, her Book of Mormon, and her books of faith-promoting stories.

It is truly an inspiration to meet with such a faithful sister, whose greatest joy is to talk to the Lord in prayer, and perhaps we could all join in echoing the words we hear her say so often, "The Lord's been so good to me."

## Branch and District Activities

### Birmingham

Nuneaton Branch held a Farewell Social for their former Branch President, Elder Vern Stembridge, on May 4. Elder Stembridge was presented with a book as a token of the esteem in which he is held in the Branch.

A Farewell Social was held at Coventry in April for President and Sister Albert C. Alford, their children Ian, Hazel and Robert and also Elder Vern G. Stembridge. The Alfords are emigrating to Canada.

Birmingham M.I.A. went for a hike through the nearby countryside on May 21.

### Bristol

Sincere birthday greetings are sent to Sister Julia Annie Cooke of Stroud who celebrates her ninetyeth birthday on July 10. She is a wonderful sister and has all her faculties, when the Sacrament is taken to her every month she whole-heartedly joins in the singing.

### Hull

May 18 was a highlight in Hull Branch entertainments as the Priesthood Social, held on that day, was the most enjoyable social held during the past few years. The great ingenuity of Mike Bamfield's electronic brain, erected and dissected in fifteen seconds and yet a fully efficient mass of wires, lights and a voice, was really something.

Hull Branch held their first Scouts and Cubs Sunday Service on

May 19, when the Scouts conducted the meeting. It is hoped to make these meetings a regular feature of Branch life.

An "Empire Day Social" was held in Hull on May 25.

York Saints gathered together on June 1 to wish *bon voyage* to Brother and Sister Sayner and their family who are emigrating to Canada. The family was presented with a camera.

The Sayner family of York took some of the Relief Society members on a tour of Heslington Hall on June 5.

Grimsby Branch Budget Social was held on May 10, after hectic games, reels and rock 'n' roll, refreshments were very welcome and the prizes being of an edible nature were quickly disposed of. Brother Bushell was an excellent M.C. and worked hard to make the social a success.

At the present time the Grimsby Branch Priesthood are hard at work making a beautiful stage on which a number of plays will be presented during the coming winter.

### Irish

Belfast Relief Society gave a farewell party for Sister June Turner on May 13. Sister Turner is to be married in the Salt Lake Temple on June 13 and she was presented with a gift of Irish linen by Sister Elsie Ditty.

A "Fathers and Sons" Banquet was held at Belfast on May 18. Brother William Stewart enter-

tained the company with games and tricks and vocal numbers were rendered by Brothers Joseph Ditty, jnr., John Stewart, John Harper and William Taylor.

The M.I.A. at Belfast closed their winter programme on May 29 with a social and a film of the laying of the Temple cornerstone shown by Brother Joseph Ditty.

### **Leeds**

A party of Halifax Saints travelled overnight to London for the cornerstone laying of the Temple. During the morning and late afternoon there was a tour around London.

Halifax Relief Society held a social on May 18. The concert was under the direction of Relief Society President, Sister Edith Uttley and the words for the opening chorus which satirised Relief Society work, were written by Sister Margery Green.

The young people of Leeds Branch put on an evening's entertainment in the Bradford Chapel. The Beehive Girls and Primary presented two good plays and the M.I.A. presented some monologues and choral singing.

The M.I.A. winter session ended at Leeds with a social held on May 30. Brother Alec Richardson was a very commendable M.C. and varied the programme with games and displays of talent.

A Grand Social was held at Dewsbury on May 18. Approximately fifty people enjoyed the games which were directed by Sister Clare Clegg and the Skiffle Group directed by Brother Nicholas Murphy. Sisters Marjorie Marsden, Sylvia Cricht and Ann Womersley sang and the newly-formed M.I.A. Percussion Band, directed by Brother

F. Laycock gave a fine performance lasting fifteen minutes.

### **Liverpool**

The Blackburn Primary took charge of the programme on May 5 under the direction of Sister Ida Jackson. A particular feature of this programme was the wonderful display of visual aids. On May 15, the Relief Society Sisters were invited to the home of Brother and Sister Jackson in Accrington. Fifteen members met together to enjoy recordings of the Tabernacle Choir. The Priesthood members of the Branch have been busy during the past month erecting a fine stage in the Recreation Room of the Chapel. This is much appreciated by all the members. The usual monthly social was held on May 25 and the theme was "Blossom Time". The new stage was beautifully decorated with apple blossoms and the Taylor twins opened the programme by singing "I'll be with you in Apple Blossom Time".

A house party was held on June 7 at the home of Brother and Sister William Warren of Preston. Plans are still proceeding for the building of a new Recreation Hall next to the Chapel. It is hoped that work will start in the near future.

### **London**

Sister Doris Rowlands, her husband and baby son are emigrating to America soon. Doris has been a very active member of Luton Branch and will be greatly missed.

On Easter Monday thirty-four members of the St. Albans Branch met some members of Luton Branch at the Lake at St. Albans.

St. Albans Relief Society threw a "Baby Show" on April 30 for Sister Phyllis Dawson who is expecting a happy event in the future.



## Manchester

A coach-load of Saints from all over the District left the Wythenshawe Chapel at 11.50 on May 10 *en route* for the Temple Site. Arriving in London about 6 a.m. they were taken on a circular tour of the "sights" alighting for a short while outside Buckingham Palace and then on to breakfast, before proceeding to the Temple Site. "Manchester" was the first coach to arrive and so the Saints had lots of time to look around before taking their seats. On the return journey, the driver who had been exceptionally kind and helpful, made a detour around Windsor and stopped for a while in Stratford on Avon.

The district Sports Day was held in Wythenshawe Park on June 1. Brother Mazey of Wythenshawe organised the various events in the absence of Brother H. Crookell. All the Junior races were won by

Graham Clarke (Wythenshawe) and the Junior Long Jump by Michael Dewsnap (Bury) and the second place was held by Oliver Dewsnap. It has always been an understood thing that President Giles (Oldham) would win the mile but this year he had a worthy opponent in David Starling of Wythenshawe who almost stole his thunder. Michael Corbishley (Wythenshawe) and Michael Dewsnap (Bury) are to be commended in completing the miles and coming in third and fourth respectively. The Missionaries relay team was second. A social was held in the Wythenshawe Chapel under the direction of Brother William Bates during the evening.

A Jumble Sale was organised by Bury Relief Society on May 17 in aid of the Building Fund and raised almost £6. On May 18, Sister Hayes cooked chickens, made trifles and cakes and invited the Saints to



*Wolf Cub Pack in the Ipswich Branch with Cub-Master Jack Jacobs*

her home to enjoy them. The proceeds from this also went to the Building Fund.

Oldham Branch children paid tribute to their mothers on May 12 by giving them red and white carnations. The Sunday School children went on a trip to Southport on May 25 where they had a glorious spree on the fairground and then went on a "spade and bucket" parade to the sands. During May three of the Beehive girls had birthdays and a party was held in their honour on May 27.

Wythenshawe Genealogical Society held a social on May 18 which was very profitable. There were dances and games for the adults and sideshows for the children which the adults almost monopolised. Refreshments were served by Sister Bates (snr.) who appreciated the help she received from all the sisters. The M.I.A. had a coach-trip around Cheshire on May 23 and enjoyed the beautiful scenery, inspected historic churches and signed their visitors' books.

### **Newcastle**

The members of the Middlesbrough Branch recently got together for a work project to decorate the chapel. In addition to the work that was accomplished, the Relief Society also served refreshments making a very fine occasion. The Middlesbrough Branch also held a party in honour of Elder Claudie Ray Chynoweth, on his 21st birthday.

West Hartlepool Relief Society gave a tea for Brother and Sister Burgon who were leaving for Salt Lake City, they were presented with a handbag and a wallet. A social was held on May 4 to raise funds

for the Branch. Supper was provided by the Relief Society.

### **Norwich**

The Wolf Cub Pack at Ipswich has been running under the direction of Cub-Master Jack Jacobs since October. At present it consists of ten boys, all of whom are working hard toward their stars and proficiency badges. So far two stars and one proficiency badge have been awarded. Great hopes are held that the future will see an expansion of this activity.

An M.I.A. Fireside was held at the home of President and Sister Jacobs on April 7. These Firesides are held in the home of a Branch member on the first Sunday of the month and have proven very popular with an average attendance of seventeen. Brother Frederick Pearce left for Canada in early April, Sister Pearce and their six children will follow as soon as possible. On May 3, nearly fifty members and friends gathered to bid "adieu" to Brother and Sister Rogers, an American service couple who have been active in the Branch for the past fifteen months. Brother Dick Jensen, new Y.M.M.I.A. Superintendent, organised the games for the evening and the Relief Society served very tasty refreshments. Sister Jolene Critchfield baked a cake in the form of a suitcase for the departing couple.

Saints from throughout the Norwich District were thrilled and inspired by the wonderful words of counsel and encouragement spoken at their District Conference which was held in Lowestoft on May 5. Over two hundred members and friends attended all three sessions and the spirit of love certainly pre-



*Eastwood Branch at their new chapel  
(see write-up)*

vailed as they mingled together between sessions. Special music was provided by Sister Olga Duffen, the Lowestoft Branch Choir and the Norwich District Children's Choir. Many commented that it was the "best Conference ever" and all who attended felt richly rewarded for whatever sacrifice they might have made.

### **Nottingham**

On April 27, the Loughborough Saints held a Farewell Social for Brother Edward Dawson before his departure for Salt Lake City. Sister Joyce Bowler made a presentation of books on behalf of the Branch and the evening's programme included duets by Elders Kenneth Thompson and Alonzo Matthews. A wonderful Mothers' Day programme was presented by the Sunday School; all the mothers in the Branch attended together with several other mothers and each received a small posy of violets.

Peterborough Branch held their Gold and Green Ball on May 3, organised by Brother Manning and Sister Parbles. Jacqueline Saville

was crowned M.I.A. Queen for 1957/8 and was attended by Roderick Garfield.

The first week-end in May was a full one for the Nottingham Branch. Not only was the M.I.A. Show on the 4th tape-recorded by Brother T. Rush of Leicester Branch but more excitement was aroused by the presence of the *Picture Post* representatives. The programme was greatly enjoyed by an appreciative audience and £5 was raised for the Building Fund. On the 5th the *Picture Post* representatives attended a Baptismal Service, Sunday School, Testimony Meeting and the Primary evening programme and the following day visited Brother and Sister Cuthbert in their home to see how a typical L.D.S. family lives.

Along with Saints from all over the Mission thirty-one Nottingham Saints travelled to Surrey on May 11 and had a wonderful time. After the inspiration of Newchapel and the happy visiting with old friends, came the beauties of Kew Gardens and the grandeur of London on the return journey.

Nottingham Spring Fair was held on May 25 under the direction of Relief Society President Sister Fletcher and prizes were awarded to the winning entries in the Handicrafts Competition. Stalls were organised by the Priesthood, Primary, M.I.A. and "Trentmoor Supplies", the British trading concern.

On May 11, twenty members of Eastwood Branch hied to their newly completed chapel in Edward Road, for a special occasion. Under the direction of the Branch Presidency, a metal box was placed in the floor of the chapel: this contained a short history of the Branch



*Sister  
Joyce Lundgreen  
presiding over the  
recent Aberdeen  
Branch Bazaar*



from 1847, when Eastwood was in the Sheffield District; a minute-book; copies of the *Millennial Star*; testimonies of most of the members; a Book of Mormon; copies of the *Septor* publication of the Seventh Quorum of Elders and various coins of the realm. Brother Raymond Barnes took photographs of the proceedings and Brother Arthur Aldred offered a special prayer.

Mansfield Branch held a Beetle Drive on May 17 consisting of progressive games. Relief Society President, Sister Dorothy Sipson, was in charge and Sister Brown organised the games. The evening was voted a social, spiritual and financial success.

A social evening was held at Derby on May 18 in aid of the Sunday School Summer Outing. The Relief Society rallied round with refreshments and £2 10s. was raised for the children.

### **Scottish**

A Bazaar was held in aid of Aberdeen Building Fund on May 4.

Sister Lundgreen was the organiser and she donated the largest part of the goods. She wrote to a friend about the Bazaar and the parcels came rolling in from her friends, neighbours, Relief Society and her parents, even the children put in some of their own work. The sale realised £57 and the Branch is very grateful to Sister Lundgreen and her friends. One other project for the Building Fund, making marquetry pictures of the London Temple, realised £6. After the Bazaar all the members went to the home of Brother and Sister A. Smith where a recording of Scots songs, poems and jokes were made for Sister Lundgreen to take home. A farewell party was given for Sister Lundgreen on May 7 and she was presented with a tartan photograph album from the Branch and a tartan doll from the children.

Dundee Branch had its first fire-side meeting at Monifieth Beach. Although it was raining the spirits of the Saints were not dampened. A huge fire was built and sausages and sandwiches were served after

which the group went to one of the members' homes to play games.

Edinburgh Relief Society had a night out to visit the Ideal Home Exhibition on May 2. May 18 saw the Branch gathered together for a "Round-up" Party at which it was requested to hitch up the horses outside, please. Cowboys outnumbered the Indians but these made up for shortage in number by their ferocious expressions. These Indians were certainly well painted and ready for the war-dance. A good time was had by everybody with music, games, dancing and of course, refreshments. Once again the Saints were mystified at the clever conjuring feats of Mr. Walter Day, even the grown-ups couldn't explain these tricks to their children. The Branch had to take a rather sad farewell of one of the most loved sisters when on May 27, Sister Margaret Gregson left for the United States where she is to be married to Elder James Chapman. She has grown up in the Church and is such a part of the Edinburgh Branch that she will be greatly missed. There was no auxiliary in which she did not participate and work hard. She was presented with a "Friendship" Book and a wedding gift as a token of the love and gratitude of the Edinburgh Saints.

The Glasgow Relief Society held their bazaar on May 25. The Branch Presidency with the help of the men of the M.I.A. provided side shows to help with the building fund. The Sisters had lovely knitwear and needlework for sale, and the day proved to be very successful.

Paisley Branch held a second meeting for the youth of Paisley. Everyone enjoyed Elder Anderson's

talk and film-slides. Refreshments were served and the evening closed with a sing-song.

### Sheffield

On April 28, the Saints in Sheffield were treated to a most uplifting Choral Service, which followed the Sacrament Meeting. The programme which lasted for one hour and forty minutes was based on the life of Joseph Smith, the restoration of the Gospel to the Earth in the fullness of time and the many sufferings and persecutions suffered by the Saints in those far away days. The script was devised and arranged by Brother Terry Hope who also gave the narration, whilst the singing was by the Sheffield Branch Choir under the direction of Brother D. Greenfield. The whole programme was recorded.

### Welsh

A very successful District Social was held at the Cardiff Chapel on May 4. The programme was presented by the Missionaries and as usual proved very enjoyable. Elder Robbins was M.C. and the pro-



*A gardening project at Paisley*

gramme included a skit about Davy Crocket, Goldilocks and the three bears, songs by Elder Scoresby and Elder Mason, a flea circus by Elder Standley, some rounds by Elders Romney and Hodgson, impressions by Elder Facer and a story by Elder Cederlof. Refreshments were served by the Relief Society.

About thirty members of the District travelled to Newchapel to witness the laying of the cornerstone on May 11.

Brother W. G. Hillman of Pontypool has received an invitation to speak at the Congregational Church, Abertillery during September. The subject for the talk is to be chosen from any aspect of "Mormons—their beliefs and their Church". Some time ago Brother Hillman took over the Sunday morning and evening services at the Pengam Baptist Church. The morning address was based on Lehi's vision whilst the evening one was Religion and the way Christ wished all people to live it. Both talks were very well received.

### **Births and Blessings**

Lynne, the daughter of Frank and Jean Chippendale of Leeds was blessed by District President, Elder Ralston Hogge.

Sister Florence Watson of Dewsbury gave birth to a son on May 21.

A daughter, Teri Lynn was born to Brother and Sister Blain of West Drayton on December 4, she was blessed by her father on May 5.

Ian Christopher McCorry was blessed by his father, Elder Wilfred McCorry in the Wythenshawe Chapel on May 5.

Stephen John Lord was blessed in the Bury Branch by Elder Seely on June 2.

A son was born to President and Sister George Quesne of Peterborough on April 26, he was blessed by Elder D. Brammer on May 12 and given the names Matthew Louis.

On May 5, Brian Leslie Davies and Paul John Davies, Coventry Branch, were blessed by Brother George E. Hunter and Elder S. J. Clark respectively.

On June 2, in the Coventry Branch, Hilda MacFarlane was blessed by Brother George E. Hunter, and Ian MacFarlane was blessed by Elder W. D. Paul.

A daughter was born to Brother and Sister Fraser of the Glasgow Branch on April 26.

The baby daughter of Brother and Sister Cochrane of Belfast was blessed by her father on May 5 and given the name Joan.

### **Marriage**

Brother Joseph A. Marchant was married to Patricia Wallace on April 10. This brother has been very helpful as an office holder and during renovations to the Luton Chapel, his amiable disposition has endeared him to all in the Branch.

### **Deaths**

Sister Theresa Hudson of Dewsbury Branch passed away on May 11 and was laid to rest on May 17. This fine sister was seventy-six years old and the last of her family in England to be a member of the Church.

Charles Diston of Sunderland Branch, Newcastle District.

William Ritchie Barkley of Liverpool Branch, Liverpool District.

Elizabeth Hetherington of Wigan Branch, Liverpool District.



## ORDINATIONS :

### Bristol District

William Frank Pretty of Southampton to Priest

Christopher A. Crabtree of Weston-super-Mare to Deacon

William P. Angel of Stroud to Elder

Arthur P. Holder of Stroud to Elder

Raymond R. Vranich of Newton Abbot to Priest

Charles W. Stone of Bristol to Deacon

George Edward Wills of Bristol to Deacon

James W. Stevens of Bristol to Deacon

Michael David Stevens of Bristol to Deacon

William C. A. Figures of Bristol to Priest

Clive A. Figures of Bristol to Priest

Ivor John L. Reed of Bristol to Priest

Frederick Greene of Bristol to Priest

### Hull District

Peter D. Witcherley of York to Priest

### Irish District

Thomas Victor Weir of Portadown to Elder

William J. Stewart of Belfast to Elder

Kenneth C. Houston of Belfast to Elder

### Leeds District

William E. Uttley of Halifax to Deacon

Herbert J. Cogan of Huddersfield to Deacon

### Liverpool District

Samuel Goulding of Wigan to Priest

### Manchester District

Alan Brown of Oldham to Deacon

Brian S. Kenyon of Wythenshawe to Priest

Ronald K. Mason of Wythenshawe to Teacher

Ronald Kershaw of Wythenshawe to Teacher

Jack Ellis of Wythenshawe to Teacher

Ronald Mason of Wythenshawe to Deacon

Daniel Grindley of Wythenshawe to Deacon

Leonard E. J. Arnold of Bury to Elder

### Newcastle District

Derek Smith of Sunderland to Priest

Kenneth Richardson of Sunderland to Deacon

### Norwich District

Bert R. Aldred of Lowestoft to Teacher

Montegue A. R. Jacobs of Southend to Deacon

James R. Neal of Norwich to Elder

Kenneth L. A. Warren of Norwich to Priest

Michael A. Hudson of Gorleston to Deacon

Melvin David Hudson of Gorleston to Deacon

Frederick B. Evans of Gorleston to Deacon

John E. Margetson of Gorleston to Priest

Sidney J. Gasson of Lowestoft to Teacher

Donald F. Legrice of Lowestoft to Teacher

William Walker, Jr., of Lowestoft to Teacher

John C. Bucan of Lowestoft to Teacher

Philip J. Dearlove of Southend to Deacon

### Nottingham District

Edgar R. Needham of Nottingham to Priest

Melvyn Hays of Hucknall to Deacon

### Scottish District

Peter A. Heede of Glasgow to Deacon

Christian I. Heede of Glasgow to Deacon

William C. Montgomery, Jr., of Glasgow to Deacon

William M. Adair of Glasgow to Priest

Arthur W. Wilkinson of Glasgow to Priest

James Mills of Edinburgh to Deacon

Robert M. Irving of Edinburgh to Deacon

George C. McSloy of Aberdeen to Deacon

Alistair J. M. Smith of Aberdeen to Elder

William Procter of Glasgow to Elder

# MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

## ARRIVALS :

May 20, 1957

Elder Gary L. Stewart

Elder Kenneth Wilson Shoell

From

Kaysville, Utah

Orem, Utah

Assigned to

Nottingham

Birmingham

## RELEASE :

June 21, 1957

Sister Rhea Lucile Horton

Los Angeles, California

London, Norwich,  
London Office



SISTER RHEA LUCILE HORTON

<b>TRANSFERS :</b>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Date effective</i>
Elder Dwight L. Kelsey	Hull	London	May 18, 1957
Elder Neil Crofts	Hull	Nottingham	May 18, 1957
Elder Michael C. Murdoch	Liverpool	Newcastle	May 18, 1957
Elder Howard K. Coltrin	Nottingham	Manchester	May 18, 1957
Elder Alonzo Hulme Matthews	Nottingham	Newcastle	May 18, 1957
Elder Larry E. Harmon	Manchester	Liverpool	May 18, 1957
Elder Kenneth B. Kimball	Newcastle	Nottingham	May 18, 1957
Elder Wayne Wilde	Newcastle	Sheffield	May 18, 1957
Elder Robert DeMatt Austin	Sheffield	London	May 18, 1957
Elder Richard Stewart Knight	London Office	Hull	May 28, 1957
Elder Richard M. Jackson*	Hull	London Office	May 28, 1957

\* Travelling companion to 2nd Counsellor in the Mission Presidency

#### **BAPTISMS :**

##### **Birmingham District**

Roger Horton of Birmingham  
Tony Horton of Birmingham

##### **Bristol District**

Charles Reginald Smith of Bournemouth  
Roland W. P. Courage of Bournemouth  
Marion M. Courage of Bournemouth  
Mary Porteous M. Smith of Bournemouth

##### **Hull District**

Nina Joyce Machin of York  
Stephen Wells of Grimsby

##### **Irish District**

Jill Bleakley of Bangor  
Henrietta F. Beattie of Bangor  
George A. D. Beattie of Bangor

##### **Leeds District**

William Eta Uttley of Halifax  
Jean Darren of Bradford  
Roy Christian Darren of Bradford

##### **Liverpool District**

Joyce Mabel V. Nottingham of Burnley  
Ian Robert Lister of Blackburn  
Marie Pennington of Burnley  
Peter Stephen Hathaway of Burnley  
Leonard Hathaway of Burnley  
Evelyn Hathaway of Burnley  
Alfred John Hathaway of Burnley  
Shirley Tibbs of Burnley  
Kenneth Wilkinson of Burnley  
Robert Wilkinson of Burnley  
Joan Barker of Burnley  
Linda Alice Mitchell of Liverpool  
Mary Doris Mitchell of Liverpool  
Thomas M. F. Mitchell of Liverpool  
James McElroy Black of Rawtenstall  
Mary Black of Rawtenstall  
Doris Michele Stopforth of Liverpool  
William James Stopforth of Liverpool  
William Brian Levin of Liverpool  
James Michael McCormick of Liverpool

##### **London District**

Marjorie Joan Smith of St. Albans  
Margarete Peterson of Romford  
Marjorie Ellen Hearn of Oxford  
Ellen Christine Hearn of Oxford  
James Edward Hearn of Oxford

John Edward Lock of Reading  
Christopher Peter Lock of Reading  
Gerald Frederick Redman of St. Albans  
Valerie Osborn of St. Albans  
Stephen Parker Chipping of St. Albans  
Roy Ernest Geary of North London  
Laurence Rock of South London  
Elizabeth Ann Kendall of South London  
Dorothy Geary of North London  
Alice Beatrice Dodd of Brighton  
Irene Jessie Murtagh of Brighton  
Ruby Eileen May Murtagh of Brighton

##### **Manchester District**

Evelyn Edna Carter of Ashton-Hyde  
Joan May Burns of Oldham  
Madeleine P. Grindley of Wythenshawe  
Patricia V. Grindley of Wythenshawe  
Derek John Plumley of Wythenshawe  
Sandra Weston of Wythenshawe  
Edward Gunn of Stockport  
Alan McCuaig of Rochdale  
David Brynmor Davies of Wythenshawe

##### **Newcastle District**

Joyce Johnson of Darlington  
Frederick Michael Johnson of Darlington  
William Johnson of Darlington  
Ronald Whan of Sunderland  
Florence Whan of Sunderland  
Ronald Whan, Jr., of Sunderland  
Dora May Chambers of Darlington  
Mary Doreen Wilson of Sunderland  
Mary Doreen Wilson, Sr., of Sunderland

##### **Norwich District**

Raymond Paul Radbourne of Gorleston  
Margaret Jacqueline Radbourne of Gorleston  
Frederick Charles Foxon of Scattered  
Olive Ada Annie Foxon of Scattered  
Sheila Mary Foxon of Scattered

##### **Nottingham District**

Patricia Ann Brown of Nottingham  
Bertram Brown of Nottingham

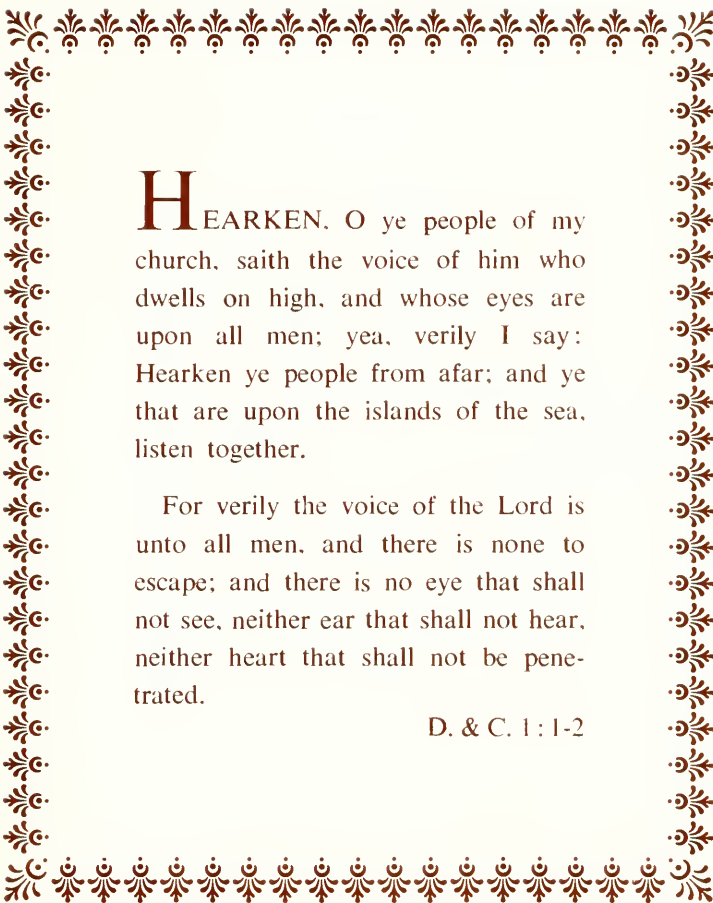
##### **Scottish District**

Bertha Hill of Glasgow  
Roberta Maria Hill of Glasgow  
Sandra Margaret Hill of Glasgow

##### **Sheffield District**

Hazel Cassidy of Rotherham

**CORRECTION:** The name of Dene Grant, appearing under Baptisms in May as a member of the Hull Branch, should have been listed as a member of the Grimsby Branch.

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**H**EARKEN. O ye people of my church, saith the voice of him who dwells on high, and whose eyes are upon all men; yea, verily I say: Hearken ye people from afar; and ye that are upon the islands of the sea, listen together.

For verily the voice of the Lord is unto all men, and there is none to escape; and there is no eye that shall not see, neither ear that shall not hear, neither heart that shall not be penetrated.

D. & C. 1:1-2



*The three figures depicted on the front cover are, left to right: Heber C. Kimball, Brigham Young, Wilford Woodruff. They appear as they stand at the top of "This is the Place" Monument which overlooks the Salt Lake Valley. Heber C. Kimball was the first President of the European Mission and the first Latter-day Saint missionary to proclaim the message of the Restoration in Britain, 120 years ago this month. The other two also served here as missionaries and mission presidents during that first decade of activity.*

*Great leaders, outstanding organisers, and with deep spiritual conviction and faith in their message, all three of these men were directly instrumental in the firm establishment and early success of the Church in the British Isles.*